

Supervisor Mark Illig called the regular meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Supervisor Mark Illig; Councilman Kathleen Burns; Councilman Richard Musso; Councilman Michael Yastremski; Attorney Jennifer Prossick; Highway Superintendent Terry Gibson; Bookkeeper Rebecca Kirch; and Town Clerk Erica Giambra. Absent was Councilman Mark Goodwin.

Bill Weber took a moment of reflection to speak of the recent passing of (2) Town residents Hazel Schonher and Warren Bastian. He did not know Hazel, but he commented she was the Mother of Linda Mortinsen. She was 102 years old and was a retired teacher from Prattsburgh Central School where she also resided. Warren and family bought a cottage and moved to the lake in 1964. He was a Naval Officer in the Korean War and had a love for sailing. After rebuilding their family cottage home, it became known as the "Dollhouse". They both will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2018 regular Board meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Councilman Musso made motion seconded by Councilman Yastremski to pay General Bills in the amount of \$5,866.70 being vouchers No. 18-79; and No. 18-84 to No. 18-101. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig stated vouchers were overall routine and nothing out of the ordinary this month for General.

Councilman Burns made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to pay Highway Bills in the amount of \$9,020.43 being vouchers No. 18-76 to No. 18-95. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. The main expense for Highway was to Griffith Energy for diesel fuel, which as Highway Supt. Gibson commented, is going up every day.

Councilman Yastremski made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to pay Water District #1 Bills in the amount of \$2,498.60 being vouchers No. 18-43 to No. 18-52. Roll call vote: Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig mentioned vouchers for the Water District were also routine.

There are no transfers this month. Balance sheets and profit & loss reports were available to view. Supervisor Illig stated the balance sheets reflect the new truck payment/ loan installment with Five Star Bank.

The Highway, Water Department, Municipal Services, DCO, Historian, and Justice reports were all available to review.

Clerk Giambra reported the annual rabies clinic is this Saturday, May 12th from 9am-11am at the Highway Barn on Mill St. Also, dog license renewals are due by June 30th.

Municipal Services Manager Welch was not present, however Supervisor Illig commented spring has arisen as seen in the increase of building permits. In addition, as discussed at the April meeting, the Library is requesting the Town waive the building permit application fee of \$1000.00 or have the Board donate the fee. Lauren approved the building permit May 7th, the Library paid the application fee and next month it will be presented to the Board to approve to refund the fee.

Along with the Water Operator report, Supervisor Illig mentioned W. O. Druzak has been busy with seasonal turn ons including new water hookups.

Supervisor Illig reported Assessor Dave Oliver has completed the Town wide reassessment and letters have been sent to residents regardless if assessment value increased or decreased. For those that disagree with the reassessment, Grievance Day is scheduled for May 24, 2018 from 4-6pm and 7-9pm. Supervisor Illig stated the Board has a summary sheet of the Assessor's report totals for the 2018 tentative assessment roll. It details the prior roll, current roll, and the difference of the tentative increased total. After grievances have been heard and all discrepancies calculated, July 1, 2018 the final assessment roll will go into effect. Currently with the tentative roll, Supervisor Illig calculated the Town will have an increase in revenue of \$43,579 based on increased assessments. Supervisor Illig suggested he draft a letter on behalf of the Board to Dave personally thanking him for his time and efforts involved with completing the reassessment. When asked, Attorney Prossick stated the Board can give Dave up to a \$75.00 gift card. The Board agreed and approved to send a letter with a \$75.00 gift card.

In addition to the DCO report, Supervisor Illig stated this month appeared to be busier than usual but all is well none the less.

Attorney Prossick reported there will be a need for a short executive session regarding litigation. Also, as discussed last month, she researched a year-round parking ban along Town roads and right-a-ways. The Town Board can in fact pass if approved as a year-round ordinance. The process would entail the Planning Board discussing further and if decided make a recommendation to the Town Board for possible adoption.

Highway Superintendent Gibson reported the Dept. has been grading and changing culvert pipes. They mixed up 180 ton of cold patch and installed a new tank for the water truck. The Dept. recently participated in a CPR class the County offered. By law one member has to be certified however our entire Dept. respectfully is. As discussed at the April meeting, regarding the (3) older trucks ('98 Volvo, '92 MAC, and the '98 GMC), Highway Supt. Gibson, Councilman Musso and Councilman Yastremski recommended to auction off all (3) with Auctions International and purchase (1) reliable good back up truck. The trucks are now on the site for (2) weeks. At the end of the (2) weeks, Supervisor Illig reiterated the Board previously authorized the (3) committee members to accept or refuse bids. Councilman Musso stated he would like a list of comparable rates for what the (3) trucks are worth and be able to meet to evaluate the bids once they are received. They will report the outcome at the June meeting. Highway Supt. Gibson stated, regarding purchasing a reliable back up truck, the Town of Barrington has a 2004 Sterling that is also on the Auctions International site that might be worthwhile to look into. Lastly, as discussed at length in previous meetings, the Town will hire a full-time Highway crew member June 1, 2018. An ad for the opening has been placed in the Shopper for 2 weeks. Highway Supt. Gibson and Supervisor Illig will conduct the interviews. The new hire will be asked to come to the June meeting for the Board to meet.

Supervisor Illig reported the Planning Board cancelled their meeting for May in addition there is not a ZBA meeting scheduled. The next Planning Board meeting will be June 11th at 7pm.

Under old business updating on the Memorial Day Celebration, Councilman Burns reported she dropped off the wreaths with Valerie Stern who will spruce up as

needed and return before Memorial Day. She has left a message for Reverend Don Peek and is waiting to hear back concerning the Invocation and Benediction. She is also awaiting a response from Bill Arnts (Hammondsport Central School Band) as well as kids she has contacted in Town to do the reading. The Pulteney Fire Dept. and guest speaker Matt Nesbitt are confirmed.

As discussed earlier, the new Highway truck has been delivered and is in service. Older trucks are on Auctions International site.

Continuing with old business, Supervisor Illig reported Clerk Giambra filed the Resolution, neighbor correspondence, and other necessary paperwork to the County and NYS DOT. She has received confirmation they received and will be investigating the requested locations and will notify the Town of the findings.

Under new business, Supervisor Illig commented, as seen by the construction, the new Pulteney Free Library is under way. To be able to qualify for more grants they needed to begin construction to show progress. As mentioned at the April meeting, Supervisor Illig had asked Councilman Musso contact the Fire Dept./Ambulance Corp to discuss their thoughts and visions as to what should happen to the building that currently houses the Town Municipal Services Manager, Water Operator, Assessor, and Ambulance Corp. After speaking with members of the Fire Dept., they were not overly receptive of the idea to sell the building. If sold, this would require the Ambulance be housed at the Fire Dept. They predict the cost to do that would be approx. \$500,000.00. Councilman Musso additionally noted every 10 years the Ambulance Corp. is required to upgrade the ambulance. The current ambulance is the last model that will fit in its current location. The building will need modifications after that. On the same notion, Supervisor Illig stated it does not make sense for the Town to have (2) buildings when all employees can be within (1) building. Supervisor Illig commented it would be appropriate to bring in the Commissioners of the Fire Dept. to further discuss. It is imperative to work together to find the best solution for everyone. In addition, Councilman Musso commented Steuben County Emergency Services are in discussions resulting in a possible significant change county wide. It is possible there will be a centralized location for ambulances therefore down the road an ambulance might not be housed in Pulteney at all. Further updates and information to come.

Lastly, Supervisor Illig wanted to state a revaluation of the Town can be done as an independent assessment by the Town Assessor or by an independent contractor hired by the Town Board. The revaluation was conducted solely by the Town Assessor, Dave Oliver, in which the Town Supervisor and/or Town Board authorized however had no influence nor reviewed before final results were sent to residents.

Supervisor Illig stated a quarterly audit/review was scheduled on the agenda however the Board will adjourn till next month with a full Board present.

Supervisor Illig asked if there were any public comments or concerns at this time. None being heard, as stated previously there is a need for an executive session. All are welcome to stay until the executive session is over, however there will be no further business conducted.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to recess the regular meeting and enter into an executive session. All in favor. Carried.

Once the executive session was completed, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Yastremski to recess the executive session and resume the regular meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Town Clerk